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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This Amendment and accompanying Remarks are filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 in response to the Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 31, 2004. It is believed that this Amendment is timely filed on or before January 3, 2005 with a one (1) month extension of time. Notwithstanding, should this Paper not be considered timely filed, Applicants hereby requests a retroactive extension of time to file for the number of months required to maintain pendency of the Application.

Please amend the application as follows:

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